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Check these sites for further information on the Dewey Decimal System:

Let's Do Dewey—This page gives a great deal of information about the Dewey Decimal System:

<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~vvesper/dewey2.htm>

Can You Do the Dewey? - This site contains information and a tutorial to help you to become more familiar and comfortable with the Dewey Decimal System:

<http://www.thrall.org/dewey/>



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If you need any further help with the Dewey Decimal Classification System, please see Mrs. Pruyne or Mrs. Gosselin - we'll be happy to help you!

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NAVIGATING THE DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



Use this guide to help you to find the books you need in the library.

THE DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



What is the Dewey Decimal System? The Dewey Decimal Classification System (named for Melvil Dewey, its creator) is a system used to organize books so that they're easy to find. This is done by putting groups of books that are on the same topic or of the same type together. Each type of books is assigned a number.

Once you know what numbers match which categories, you can find the kind of books you need.

The Three Levels of the Dewey Decimal Classification System:

First, books are divided into ten groups, numbered by *hundreds*. Each group represents a very broad category – for example, the 400s are books about Language.

Within each group of hundreds, books are divided again in categories of *tens*, each category further specifying what type of book is being represented. So, a book in the 400s is about language, but one in the 430s is about the German language in particular.

Finally, each group of tens is divided further into *single numbers*. You know to look in the 970s for books about North American History, but books with the call number 971 deal specifically with Canadian History. See how specific the Dewey Decimal System can get?

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| 000 | Generalities |
| 010 | Bibliography |
| 020 | Library & information science |
| 030 | General encyclopedias |
| 040 | Not used |
| 050 | General serial publications |
| 060 | Organizations |
| 070 | Journalism, publishing, media |
| 080 | General collections |
| 090 | Manuscripts & rare books |
| 100 | Philosophy & Psychology |
| 110 | Metaphysics |
| 120 | Epistemology, causation, humankind |
| 130 | Paranormal phenomenon |
| 140 | Specific philosophical schools |
| 150 | Psychology |
| 160 | Logic |
| 170 | Ethics |
| 180 | Ancient, medieval, Oriental philosophy |
| 190 | Modern western philosophy |
| 200 | Religion |
| 210 | Philosophy & theory of religion |
| 220 | Bible |
| 230 | Christianity |
| 240 | Christian moral & devotional theology |
| 250 | Christian orders & local church |
| 260 | Social & ecclesiastical theology |
| 270 | History of Christianity & Christian sects |
| 280 | Christian denominations |
| 290 | Comparative religion & other religions |
| 300 | Social Sciences |
| 310 | Statistics |
| 320 | Political science |
| 330 | Economics |
| 340 | Law |
| 350 | Public administration & military science |
| 360 | Social programs & services |
| 370 | Education |
| 380 | Commerce |
| 390 | Customs, etiquette, folklore |
| 400 | Language |
| 410 | Linguistics |
| 420 | English & Old English |
| 430 | Germanic |
| 440 | French |
| 450 | Italian, Romanian, Rhaeto-Romanic |
| 460 | Spanish & Portuguese |

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| 470 | Latin |
| 480 | Greek |
| 490 | Other languages |

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| 500 | Natural Sciences & Math |
| 510 | Math |
| 520 | Astronomy |
| 530 | Physics |
| 540 | Chemistry |
| 550 | Earth sciences |
| 560 | Paleontology |
| 570 | Life sciences |
| 580 | Plants |
| 590 | Animals |

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| 600 | Technology & Applied Sciences |
| 610 | Medicine |
| 620 | Engineering |
| 630 | Agriculture |
| 640 | Home economics (cooking) |
| 650 | Management |
| 660 | Chemical engineering |
| 670 | Manufacturing |
| 680 | Manufacture for specific uses |
| 690 | Building |

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| 700 | Arts, Sports, Recreation |
| 710 | Civic & landscape art |
| 720 | Architecture |
| 730 | Plastic arts (sculpture) |
| 740 | Drawing & decorative art |
| 750 | Painting |
| 760 | Graphic arts |
| 770 | Photography |
| 780 | Music |
| 790 | Recreation, performing arts, sports |

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| 800 | Literature & Rhetoric |
| 810 | American |
| 820 | English & Old English |
| 830 | Germanic |
| 840 | French |
| 850 | Italian, Romanian |
| 860 | Spanish, Portuguese |
| 870 | Latin |
| 880 | Greek |
| 890 | Other literatures |

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| 900 | Geography, History, Biography |
| 910 | Geography, travel |
| 920 | Biography, genealogy, insignia |
| 930 | Ancient world |
| 940 | Europe |
| 950 | Asia |
| 960 | Africa |
| 970 | North America |
| 980 | South America |
| 990 | Other areas |